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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of the State of Iowa. I am very disappointed that our Attorney General continues on what I believe to be a "witch hunt" with regards to Microsoft and its business practices. I have owned personal computers since 1983. I have had many opportunities in the past and currently to purchase other software, both operating systems and application programs. I have elected to run Microsoft Windows and Office as my major production package after trying several others that I have purchased and currently still own. (Red Hat Linux, IBM OS2, and BEOS are examples of the operation systems currently available to anyone who wants them. Also there are too many application programs available to list them all, however I will mention Lotus 123. I can remember when it was the only spreadsheet available and it cost several hundreds of dollars. And, it was copy protected to boot. So heaven help you if you lost or damaged your disk! I am very happy that Microsoft makes available the products that they do. I am free to chose to purchase them or not. When something better comes down the road I will make that decision also.

I think we should put this mess behind us. Let Microsoft do business. Let its competitors come up with better products and we will purchase them.

I am a home user. Thank you for listening.

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